

EHR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PROGRAM UPDATE



August 23, 2013

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing continues to accept attestations for the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. In Program Year 2012, more than **\$62 million** in incentive payments were made to eligible health care professionals and hospitals for the adoption and Meaningful Use (MU) of certified EHR technology and payments for Program Year 2013 already total more than **\$2.2 million**.

Time is Running Out to Start Your 2013 Meaningful Use Attestation!

Did you know that **October 3, 2013** is the last day to start your 90-day EHR Reporting Period if you are going to attest to Meaningful Use in 2013? All EHR Reporting Periods must be a consecutive 90-day period that falls in calendar year 2013. Do not delay – start running all of your Meaningful Use reports now to make sure you are meeting all of the measures and will be eligible to attest in 2013.

For resources on attesting to Meaningful Use in 2013, please visit http://www.corhio.org/ehrs-meaningful-use.aspx.

New! Recorded Webinar - 2014 Clinical Quality Measure Changes to the EHR Incentive Program

Program Year 2014 promises many changes to the EHR Incentive Programs with some of the largest changes involving Clinical Quality Measures (CQM). All Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals will be required to report their CQMs based on the new 2014 rules, regardless of Meaningful Use stage.

CORHIO has recorded a webinar that will help you navigate these changes as you plan for 2014. It's free to download and won't take up too much of your time. You can download it <u>here</u>.

Meaningful Use Boot Camp – Last One Offered by CORHIO!

This will be the last Meaningful Use Boot Camp offered by CORHIO, so don't miss out. Attend and learn what has changed and will change in 2014 with Meaningful Use and the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. You will also learn about current HIT initiatives in Colorado. Attend this Boot Camp to discover how you can be a meaningful user of EHR technology to deliver better care and improved patient outcomes.

Registration is required and you can register online at http://bit.ly/15Lau9z

The event will take place on Friday, **September 27, 2013** from 10:30am – 4:30pm at the Hilton Garden Inn – Tech Center, 7675 East Union Avenue, Denver, CO 80237.



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Are you taking the exclusion on Menu Set Objective #9? Read This!

If you are attesting to Meaningful Use this year and you plan on taking the exclusion for Menu Set Objective #9 – Immunization Registries Data Submission, make sure that you have either completed an implementation with the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) or you are in the queue for implementation. If you are not in the queue or have completed an implementation, visit here to learn more.

Important Note: if you are working on your Meaningful Use attestation and you have an email from CIIS which provides proof of being in the queue for implementation, you must upload that document with your attestation in the Colorado Registration & Attestation System. This document will not be marked as required; however, if you have taken the exclusion, you will be asked to upload the email. For more information on this Menu Set Objective, see CMS' Immunization Registries Data Submission fact sheet.

Reminder! All Eligible Hospitals Attesting to Adopt, Implement or Upgrade

If you are an Eligible Hospital attesting to your first year for Adopt, Implement or Upgrade (AIU) in the Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please remember that you are required to upload the EH Payment Calculation Workbook. If you do not fill out the workbook completely and accurately and upload it with your attestations, your attestation will be delayed. You can download the Program Year 2013 version here.

Updated Frequently Asked Questions for Eligible Hospitals and Eligible Professionals

Updated Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) documents are now available on CORHIO's <u>Eligible Hospitals</u> and <u>Eligible Professionals</u> pages for your use. There have been a few updates since the beginning of Program Year 2013 in April, so please make sure you download these and stay current.

MLN Connects National Provider Calls - Make Sure You're Connected

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regularly conducts educational conference calls for the Medicare and Medicaid providers that are free of charge and only require that you register prior to the start of the call. Past topics have included Stage 2 Overview, Clinical Quality Measures and Payment Adjustments and Hardship Exceptions.

To receive notice of future CMS Provider calls, click here and follow the on screen instructions.



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Updated Anticipated Timeline – Colorado Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Event	Status/Expected Date
CO R&A System begins accepting Medicaid & Medicare	Now Open!
Meaningful Use attestations	
CO R&A System opens for EHs to attest to Meaningful	Now Open!
Use for FFY 2013	
CO R&A System opens for EPs to attest to Meaningful Use	Now Open!
for calendar year 2013	
First incentive payments issued to EPs who successfully	Paid!
attested to Medicaid Stage 1 Meaningful Use	

Medicaid Program Point of Contact and Partnerships

The Department has partnered with CORHIO to provide program coordination and assist with provider communications and outreach regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator will be the central point of contact for EPs, EHs, partners and other interested parties on requirements, processes and questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Coordinator, Tracy McDonald, can be reached at MedicaidEHR@corhio.org or 720.285.3232.

Xerox (formerly Affiliated Computer Services) has been contracted by the Department to manage the Provider Outreach Page and to provide the Colorado R&A System, including the web portal through which eligible providers can register and attest to receive the EHR incentive payments.